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Reverie

If, on some beautiful June morning while the dew was still on the grass and the sky had that fathomless blue known only to a morning in June, and the whole earth was bathed in that purifying light that makes for life and happiness, you should suddenly burst upon a bank of wild roses—and, if while you paused to admire them, your eyes should fall upon a fresh, pink bed just breaking through its coat of protecting leaves, and, if while you gazed the charm of its wonderful color and form and above all its unassuming purity should take possession of you; and if you knew that by stepping forward and plucking it you could make it yours to take with you, to love and adore; pluck it only to see it droop and wither away—would you take it or leave it and let it be an inspiration to others, where you might watch it unfold from day to day until it had reached full bloom—when, who knows, perhaps it might fall into your hand a perfect work of God.

Our Base Ball Team

"Pussy" Ziegler short and small,
Sometimes wishes he was tall,
But when it comes to the national game
There's where "Pussy" wins his fame.

Walter Sprague smart and pretty
Has his present home in this big city,
And to pass the time away
Plays baseball most every day.

Sewell Platt known as "Platter"
Has in baseball made a splatter.
If he continues to pitch so well,
His head will soon begin t oswell.

Carl Miller and his big brother "Jess,"
Are sure to make the team one of the best.

Edwin McCauley known as "Micky"
Slides into bases as if they were sticky.
He is sure to make the team,
If he keeps up his present steam.

Louie Walters is known as fat,
But you should see him swing that bat.
Every time he steps to the plate,
He makes you think of a Hamburg steak.

Benjamin Eddy known as "Ben,"
The game of baseball can't quite subtend.
If he were not a ladies' man,
He might do something except fan.

(Please sign your name next time.—Ed.)



Mr. Green's Experience

Situated in the outskirts of the little town of Riverview was the pleasant home of Mr. Greene. This home was all any one could desire but strange to say Mr. Greene was not happy; on the contrary, he was extremely miserable. This on the whole was due to the conduct of his housekeeper, who was a designing and meddlesome woman, and who had become from necessity an unwilling old maid. She had long decided that she would make Mr. Greene a good wife and so upon him had centered all her future hopes and ambitions. But Mr. Greene certainly gave her no encouragement and he did not in the least appreciate the honor she was willing to bestow upon him, and her advances were rather too far for his peace of mind.

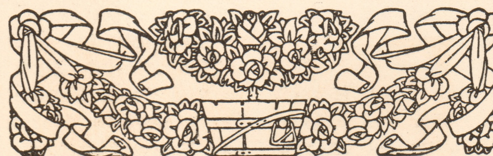
Mr. Greene disliked women as most bachelors are apt to do, in fact, was really afraid of their sharp tongues and he regarded his housekeeper with particular dread on account of her strong force of character, being actually afraid she would compel him to marry her against his will. Matters grew worse and worse and finally reached a climax when one day she actually called him "dear" and asked him "if he ever intended getting married." That decided him. He would leave town unbeknown to her and go somewhere, so that he might rest in peace. But he put off his departure that day and the next until Sunday came and then he decided to wait until the next morning.

On Sunday morning he started out for a walk. This led him by the church and although the meeting had been in progress for some time he went in and slipping into one of the back pews, settled himself comfortably, quite unnoticed. But upon glancing around at the audience whom should he see but his housekeeper. However she sat near the front so he sat very still in hope that she would not see him. He listened to the sermon for some time with apparent interest although he was uncontrolably sleepy, for the sermon, as is frequently the case, proved long and wearisome.

The sermon at last was over, the housekeeper making her way through the audience approached Mr. Green until she stood by his side. Grasping him firmly by the arm, she pulled him to the altar, telling the minister to marry them. Mr. Greene was so horrified and dazed that he had no power to move or try to get away. After the ceremony they went home, Mr. Greene still too overcome to speak, and there Mrs. Greene started things anew. She went up to his room (he meekly following) and proceeded to clean it out. She threw away his expensive cigar case—she objected to his smoking. She didn't like the soap he used—he must use another kind. She removed the photographs of his friends—she didn't know them. She took away his silk neckties —he ought not to wear them, they were too expensive. And thus she continued while he was too dazed to comprehend fully her actions or to raise any objections. He was powerless under her influence and could not get out of her sight try as he would. He started to run out of the house but she caught hold of his coat collar pulling him back and then—He awoke with a start, he had been dreaming. When the realization burst upon him that it all was but a dream, he murmured a thankful prayer and jumping up retreated from the church with all possible haste much to the amazement of the old sexton out in the vestibule.

He did not go home, but instead took the shortest cut possible to the railway station, arriving there just as a train was about to leave. He jumped aboard but it was not until the train was speeding thru the country several miles from Riverview that he really overcame the terror that had held him throughout his dream.

HATTIE SIMTH, '15.



The Ypsi-Sem

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Spring is here at last. The sun is shining, the birds are singing, the grass is getting green, and everyone pronounces the weather fine. These conditions have already begun to have an effect not only on the student body, but also on the faculty.

Mr. Morris so caught the spring fever the other day that he thought it was time to clean house. Accordingly he announced in chapel that we would have a thorough housecleaning in all rooms that noon. The order was obeyed. Everyone now has room for all his books in his own desk, and some even have room to spare. However, the effect on the students has not proven so beneficial. There has been a slight but rapidly increasing lack of interest shown in the lessons, the pupils are restless, uneasy and frequently caught napping. The problem now is, "how to overcome this spell which has taken hold of everyone." We would suggest that everyone think of all possible solutions and test their correctness upon himself and if it has the desired effect, let us publish the method in the next issue.

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The Senior play "The Man from Home" was given the nights of Thursday and Friday March 25 and 26, in the High School chapel. It is hardly necessary to here say that it was a great success in every way.

"We, the Senior class wish to take this opportunity to thank publicly those of our number who gave their time and efforts toward making it what it was; the citizens of Ypsilanti who responded so readily to every call made upon them and thus showed their good will and interest in us; also to Miss McKnight and Miss Hardy who spent night after night in training the participants with such successful results."

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The Sem Staff has many hard problems to solve. One for which the solution is still unknown is, "why the students do not contribute more freely to the Sem," when they know that it is almost upon their contributions alone that the staff relies for its material, and that it is their paper, to make it what they will, and this paper reflects the spirit and scholarship of the school.

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The contests for the "loving cup" are proving unusually interesting and exciting this year. Each class has a supply of good material and seems to be making use of it. This was especially demonstrated in the "declamation" contest which was held Friday, April 16, in the chapel, and which proved a rather knotty problem for the judges. The Freshman-Sophomore classes entered into the struggles.

The Junior-Senior debate and the essay contest will be held Friday, April 30, and the prospects are that the race will be hard and spirited. All should be out, even though they do not take part, and cheer their contestants on to success.

———:o:———

There are sixty-eight names up for graduation. This is the largest number ever attempting to finish. From this number the salutatorian, valedictorian and five honor students were chosen. These students must have been enrolled in this High School all through their high school course. It hardly needs to be mentioned that they are the students of the class of 1915 who have received the highest averages for their three and one half years in the school. These students are:

Valedictorian, Florence Hayes.

Salutatorian, Marguerite Bringloe.

The Honor Students: Ruth Matthews, Marion Ainsworth, Marion Vorhees, Frank Moran and Foster Fletcher.



Baseball practice, under the leadership of Captain Bird, has been on for about two weeks now, and the team is getting into good shape for the first game of the season, with Dundee, Saturday, April 24. The prospects for a good team this year are fine. Platt and Carl Miller, two new men are showing up very well. Eddy has better control than he had last year, and according to Coach Wood, the batting of all is much improved. There is no need to say anything about the playing of our veterans, other than that they are up to their usual form. The probable lineup for the game with Dundee is as follows:

Walters or McCauley, catch.
Sprague or Eddy, pitch.
Jesse Miller, first.
Platt, second.
Bird, third.
Carl Miller, short.
Ziegler, center field.
Eddy-Wolters-Gale, right field.
Score: Dundee, 1; Ypsi, 16.

Baseball has assumed the same progressive aspect that football had last fall. The diamond at Prospect Park has been dragged and everything is in good condition. New equipment has been furnished that will greatly improve the appearance of the team. Maroon and white caps and socks have been furnished so that the team will make a better showing than formerly.

All of these operations take money and so, in order to keep up the athletic Association financially, every one is urged to buy a season ticket. The price is two bits for a series of six games. Mr. Wood, having a mathetmatical mind and some spare time, figured it out that this was 4.16666 2-3 cents per game. Certainly charging this modest price, there is no reason why every one should not attend the games.

Coach Wood has just discovered a new disease. It has manifested itself in the baseball squad and, according to all accounts, they are suffering from a severe epidemic. Mr. Wood has termed this new malady calicoitis. It is extremely virulent and none are immune. The team is convalescing and all are doing nicely so far—thank you. No fatalities are expected, however we have to await further developments to make any positive statements about its results. Upon a more complete analyzation of the subject, we find calicoitis t obe 50-50 spring fever and the fair sex.



Blanche Walton enjoyed the week of April 6th at home with the mumps.

Margaret Brooks spent her spring vacation in Denver, Colorado, visiting relatives.

Marion Riggs has been absent from school since spring vacation with the scarlet fever.

A Senior class meeting was held April 7th to elect those who will take part in the Class Day program. The following persons were chosen: Robert James, for the Class Will; Marion Voorhees, Class Poetess; Lillian Campbell, Giftorian; Agnes Wardroper and Marie Dawson, Musicians; Vada Vernon, Historian; Jerome Sherzer, Class Prophet; Marion Ainsworth, Valedictorian. Foster Fletcher will deliver the opening address.

Louise Bellows has been compelled to leave school for the time being on account of ill health.

April 16th the first f a series of interclass literary contests was held in the chapel. The declamation contest was held first. The Senior contestant was Avis Rice; the Junior, Mary Cotauche; the Sopohomore, Morgan Axford; the Freshman, Katherine French. The decision was made in favor of Avis Rice first, with Mary Cotauche and Morgan Axford tied for second. Following the declamation contest was a debate between the Sopohomore and Freshman classes on the question, "Resolved, that United States Should retain permanent possession of Philippine Islands." The Sophomores took the affirmative and the Freshmen the negative. The judges decided in favor of the Sopohomores. The amount taken in was $8.45.

April 15th the students were summoned to chapel to hear a very noted singed, Mr. Lindegrin, who was in the city as a guest of Mr. Alexander of the Normal. He sang several songs which were enjoyed by everyone. Mr. Ross then gave a short talk, leaving the topic for the hearers to decide after the talk. James Breakey concluded the program by giving a piano solo.

April fourth Mildred Beebe from Albion, Mich., entered our high school. She is given a cordial welcome by everyone.

Tuesday, April 22nd, the high school students were entertained very pleasingly by a band of colored singers, representatives from

the Morristown Normal College, Morristown, Tennesee.

During the week of April 18th the different classes and organizations have at some time or other visited the photograph gallery and Mr. Miller reports his camera still in working order.

In chapel Wednesday, April 21st, Rev. Pettit from the Baptist church was the speaker. He gave a very impressive talk in which he stated that the three things necessary for the success of any life, were resolution, concentration and cooperation. This speech was followed by a song from the choir, part of a cantata, "The Rose Maiden" which is to be given May 28th in Normal Hall. The music was heartily enjoyed by everyone.

Clara Clark spent spring vacation at her home near Belleville, Mich.

April 3rd Irene Seaver attended the Michigan Opera at Ann Arbor.

Mr. Morris enjoyed himself during the spring vacation by clearing land near Frankfort in the northern part of the state.

Thursday, April 22nd, school was dismissed the seventh hour on account of the concert at the Normal which was to celebrate the opening of the new Pierce Audtirouim, but it didn't.

Everyone should bear in mind that classifications for next year will be made out during the middle of May sometime. This is a new idea in our school and should facilitate the schedule making and classification in September.

Blanche Walters has lost five dollars in the building. As she failed to recover the money, it is hoped that everyone may profit by the experience and hereafter leave all valuables in safe keeping during school hours.

A time for a general clean up was given to students April 14, at which time everyone discarded his accumlated waste material.

Miss Cooper spent spring vacation at her home in Port Huron.

Ruth Steadman, a former high school student was a visitor in Ypsilanti at the time of the senior play.

Miss Minnard spent spring vacation in Chicago, Ill., and Hastings, Mich.

Marna Hatch enjoyed spring vacation with her mother at Comstock, Mich.

Barbara and Phoebe Jefferson were Detroit visitors during spring vacation.

Irene McQueen spent spring vacation with her "Dad" in Detroit.

Harrison Coe, a former high school student, who has been attending school in Pasedena, California, was in Ypsilanti during spring vacation. He will finish the school year at Jackson High School.

Mr. Wood was a Grand Rapids and Big Rapids visitor the week of March 2t6h.

Iva Richards spent spring vacation in St. Joseph, Mich.

Percy Vernon spent spring vacation at his uncle's maple sugar bush near Flint.

Mary Cotauche with the rest of the Cotauche family left April 23rd for Harbor Springs where they will make their home.

The Senior play "The Man from Home," by Booth Tarkington was given March 25th and 26th in the high school chapel.

The cast follows:

Daniel Voorhees, Pike, Indiana, Foster Fletcher

Grand Duke Vasile, Vasiliwitch, Frank Davis

Earl of Hawcastle...............Robert James

Hon. Almeric St. Aubyn, son of Lord Hawcastle, Robert Thompson.

Ivanoff Ivanovitch,............. Max Lurkins

Horace Granger-Simpson.........Gord Miller

Ethel Granger-Simpson........Ruth Matthews

Comtesse de Champigny....Agnes Wardroper

Lady Creech, sister-in-law of Hawcastle, Marion Voorhees.

Michele, a waiter..............Frank Moran

Mariam ....Wayne Burton

Ribiere, the Grand Duke's secretary, Austin Norton.

Carabiniers, Harold Spalring and David Wilson

A large number were present both evenings. The proceeds amounted to $79.91 which will go to pay for some of the class expenses. The Seniors next year will have a hard time getting a play to compete with this one.

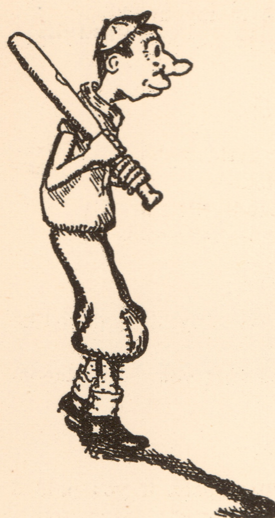
Y. W. C. A.

A number of short business meetings have been held during the past month concerning the sale of tickets and other matters pertaining to the carnival.

The picture of the association was taken April 15th on the front steps of the building.

P. L. S.

P. L. S. held their regular meeting in Room A April 15th. A short play, "Matrimonial Quarrel" was presented to the audience. The participants were Hazel Alban and Gracce Riley. Hazel Alban taking the part of Lady Teezle and Grace Riley the part of Sir Peter. Everyone enjoyed the little play. Friday, April 7th is planned for a flower hunt in the woods, if the weather permits.



JOKES

Paul Smith—"Ever see a pig wash?"
Cleary—"Hurry up and crack the joke."
Smith—"I haven't either but I've seen a pig iron."

—:o:—

A lock of hair will oft bring
Sweet memories like a flash;
And it brings up more than memories,
If you find it in the hash.

—:o:—

O. Cleary—"It's great what some insects can do. A grasshopper can jump 100 times its length."

M. Axford—"That's nothing. I once saw a bee raise a 200-pound man three feet off the ground."

—:o:—

Gard—"There is one place near here which I should like very much to see."
"Burton—"Where is that?"
Gard—The back of my neck."

—:o:—

(Mr. Wood leaving lab. with a pair of scales runs into Gard Miller)—Gard—"Nearly lost your balance, eh, what?"

Wood—"That's all right, I got a weigh (away) with it."

—:o:—

Women's faults are many,
Men have only two;
Everything they say,
And everything they do.

Officer—"What's the matter with that soup?"
Private—"It's full of sand and grit, sir."
Officer—"Now look here, did you come to camp to grumble or to serve your country."
Private—"I came to serve my country sir, but not to eat it."

—:o:—

Augustus—"My grandfather was a confederate."
Green—"Yes, but he wore a union suit."

—:o:—

Could February March,
Don't know; but April May.—Ex.

—:o:—

Junior

I wouldn't be an angel,
'Cause angels have to sing;
I'd rather be a Senior,
And never do a thing.

—:o:—

Steve—"Say, Thompson did you ever ride on an ostrick?"

—:o:—

Bob—"No, but I'vev been on a lark."

She sang a moving little song,
This girl of voice bereft;
In fact, it was so very moving that
The audience all left.

—:o:—

A Few Toasts

To the "auto"—May we hear its toot,
In time to scoot.

Here's to the land we love,
And the "love" we land.

May we live to eat the hen that scratches over our grave.

Here's to our parents and Faculty—May they never meet.

—:o:—

Amo, I love; Amas, you love;
Amat, he loves; it goes;
'Tis you I love and you he loves,
But which you love—who knows?—Ex.

—:o:—

Tenny—"My, but you have large ears."
Ziegler—"Yes, all I lack is your brains to be a perfect donkey."

Weather Bureau

Warmer—Florence Cleveringa.
Fair—Mary Allen.
Unsettled—Irene Owen.
Bright—Helen Hurdley.
Cloudy—
Cloder—
(Data for this was furnished by Mr. Ross.)

—:o:—

Gertrude—"Irene told me that you told her that secret I told you not to tell her."

Mary A.—"She's a mean thing! I told her not to tell you I told her."

Gertrude—"Well I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me, so don't tell her I did."

—:o:—

Some Business

Butcher—"Come John, be lively, now. Break the bones in Mr. Williams' chops, and put Mr. Smith's ribs in the basket for him."

John—"All right, Sir, just as soon as I saw off Mrs. Murphy's leg."

—:o:—

Miss Laird—"Mr. Burton, use a sentence with 'arbeiten.'"

Wayne Burton—"The mosquitoes arbeiten."

—:o:—

A is the maid with a winning charm;
B is the snug encircled arm;
How many times will A go in B?"
She flushed and said with air sedate,
"It's not quite clear, please demonstrate."

—:o:—

A tonic for those who are behind in their studies—Ketchup.

—:o:—

Stevens—"Here's a fellow patents a contrivance to keep girls from falling out of hammocks."

Thompson—"More machinery displacing men."

—:o:—

Banks—"Where I was last year it was zero all time."

Eddy—"What was zero?"

Banks—"My class card."

Bob—"I have a cold in my head."

Mr. Morris—"I'm glad to hear you have something there."

—:o:—

'Tis wrong for any maid to be,
Abroard at night alone;
A chaperone she needs till she
Can find some chap—her—own.

—:o:—

Burton—"Did she say anything dove-like about me "

Gard—"Why yes, she said you were pigeon-toed."

—:o:—

Miss Hardy—"Mr. Thompson if you paid a little more attention you might learn something about this study at the end of the year."

Bob—"Learn that I flunk, she means."

—:o:—

Hence, loathed Geometry,
Discovered by Euclid in days of old,
When to us he did unfold
The terrible problems and details of symmetry,
But bring to me sports and pleasures
With no thought but happy measures.
Take away each hard "exam,"
That makes me strain my brain and cram.
This I humbly ask of thee,
Then I will have sweet librety.

—:o:—

If money talks.
I wonder why
I only hear
It say "Good-bye."—Ex.

—:o:—

"Papa, what is the board of education "

"When I went to school it was a pine shingle."

—:o:—

Miss Roberts—"Has anyone here got a thumb-tack?"

Robert James—"I have a thumb-nail, if that will do."

—:o:—

Lynn Schaffer still makes weekly trips down on South Huron street.

Senior (called upon to give life of Ludwig S. Filbert)—"I'm very sorry, but I'm not prepared, all I could find under the name 'Filbert' was a nut."

—:o:—

Miss Hardy—"Mr. Ross, when you preach, why do you always address the congregation by 'Dear Brethren' or 'My dear Brothers.' Why not address the ladies?"

Mr. Ross—"One embraces the other."

Miss Hardy—"But not in the church."

—:o:—

The fools are not all dead—nope;
Here's proof if you will heed it,
I'm fool enough to write this dope,
And you're fool enough to read it.—Ex.

—:o:—

As the Freshman says it—

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

As the Senior says it—

Scintillate, scintillate, diminitive constellation,
Interrogating question your constituent elements.
In your prodigious altitude above the terrestial sphere,
Similar unto the carbon aceous crystal.—Ex.

Junior—"Miss Minnard, I didn't know they had steam engines in the time of Caesar."

Miss Minnard—"They most certainly did not."

Junior—"But Shakespeare says, 'Enter Caesar and train."

—:o:—

Robins—"Gee I feel sick."

Mr. Morris—"Why, how is that?"

Robins—"I drank a pail of gold paint and feel so guilty."

—:o:—

Banks (In Solid Geom.)—"We should bisect the faces."

Miss Hardy—"I'm afraid it would be a pretty cold blooded operation."

—:o:—

Miss Roberts:—"What are children of the Czar called?"

Rut Reader:—"Czardines."

—:o:—

That which ensues when you have stumbled over a chair in the dark is known as "addressing the chair."

—:o:—

He, who inside his watch lid,
His sweetheart's pretty face, wears,
Is sure to have a time, for there's
A woman in the case!

EXCHANGES

"The College Index."
"The Ingot."
"The Comet."
"The X-Rays."
"The Mirror."
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